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United States Bankrup Northern District of			VOLUNTARY PET	TITION		
Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle):	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):					
TURNER, PHILLIP, DESHAWN All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years						
(include married, maiden, and trade names):		All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):				
PHILLIPE TURNER, PHILLIP DESHAWN,						
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County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:		County of Residence	e or of the Principal Place of Business:			
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):		Mailing Address of	Joint Deblor (if different from street no	ldress):		
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Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different fr	rom street address above):					
Type of Debtor	Nature of	Business	Chapter of Bankruptcy Coo			
(Form of Organization) (Check one box.)	(Check one box.)		the Petition is Filed (Che			
☐ Individual (includes Joint Debtors)	Health Care Busi	ness I Estate as defined in		pter 15 Petition for ognition of a Foreign		
See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.	11 Ü.S.C. § 101(:		Chapter 11 Mai	n Proceeding		
Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) Partnership	Railroad Stockbroker		☑ Chapter 13 Rec	pter 15 Petition for ognition of a Foreign		
Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	Stockbroker Commodity Brok Clearing Bank Other	cer	Non	main Proceeding		
Chapter 15 Debtors	Other Tax-Exem	nt Entity	Nature of Del) fo		
Country of debtor's center of main interests:	(Check box, if		(Check one bot	x.)_		
		tempt organization	Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C.	☐ Debts are primarily		
Each country in which a foreign proceeding by, regarding, or against debtor is pending:	under title 26 of th Code (the Internal		§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a	business debts.		
	·	,	personal, family, or household purpose."			
Filing Fee (Check one box.)			Chapter 11 Debtors			
☐ Full Filing Fee attached.		Check one box: Debtor is a small	all business debtor as defined in 11 U.S	S.C. § 101(51D).		
Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individ	duals only). Must attach	Debtor is not a	small business debtor as defined in 11	U.S.C. § 101(51D).		
signed application for the court's consideration certifying unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b).		Check if: Debtor's aggre	gate noncontingent liquidated debts (ex	veluding debts awed to		
Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 indiv		insiders or affil	liates) are less than \$2,490,925 (amoun			
attach signed application for the court's consideration. So			every three years thereafter).			
			filed with this petition.			
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Statistical/Administrative Information				THIS SPACE IS FOR		
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Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is e distribution to unsecured creditors.	xciuded and administrativ	e expenses paid, there	will be no funds available for]		
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Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case.) Name of Debtor(s): PHILLIP TURNER			1 450 2
(This page musi	be completed and filed in every case.) All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8		ef)
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	Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Af		
Name of Debtor:		Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:		Relationship:	Judge:
10Q) with the Se of the Securities	Exhibit A ed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and ecurities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) is attached and made a part of this petition.	Exhibit (To be completed if debte whose debts are primarily I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the informed the petitioner that [he or she] may pof title 11, United States Code, and have exp such chapter. I further certify that I have deliby 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). X Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)	or is an individual consumer debts.) foregoing petition, declare that I have proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 blained the relief available under each
	Exhibown or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.		blic health or safety?
Exhibit D, of	Exhib I by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must completed and signed by the debtor, is attached and made a part of this etition: also completed and signed by the joint debtor, is attached and made a p	st complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.) petition.	
d	Information Regarding (Check any appl Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 day There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general parts Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the re	of business, or principal assets in this District systhan in any other District. ner, or partnership pending in this District. of business or principal assets in the United State defendant in an action or proceeding [in a fed	ates in this District, or has
	Certification by a Debtor Who Resides (Check all application)		
	Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debto	or's residence. (If box checked, complete the following	llowing.)
		(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)	
		(Address of landlord)	
	Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are centire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession	circumstances under which the debtor would be on, after the judgment for possession was entered	permitted to cure the d, and
	Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of of the petition.	any rent that would become due during the 30-d	lay period after the filing
	Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certifies	ication. (11 U.S.C. § 362(1)).	

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Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case.)	Name of Debtor(s): PHILLIP TURNER
	atures
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)	Signature of a Foreign Representative
I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. X Signature of Joint Debtor 708-224-3535 Telephone Number (if not represented by attorney)	I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding and that I am authorized to file this petition. (Check only one box.) I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached. X (Signature of Foreign Representative)
***************************************	Date
Date	
Signature of Attorney*	Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) Firm Name	I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(b), and 342(b), and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is
Address	attached.
7.1	
Telephone Number	Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer
Date *In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.	Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual state the Social-Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)
Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)	
I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.	Address
The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.	Signature
X Signature of Authorized Individual Printed Name of Authorized Individual Title of Authorized Individual	Date Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social-Security number is provided above. Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted
Date	in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.
	If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

B 1D (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Northern District of Illinois

In re PHILLIP TURNER	Case No
Debtor	(if known)

EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

- ☐ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.
- ☑ 2. Within the 180 days before the filing of my bankruptcy case, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.

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3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and to following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirements of I can file my bankruptcy case now. [Summarize exigent circumstances here.]	
	.,.,.

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

🗖 4. I am not r	equired to receive a c	redit counseling briefing	g because of: [Check the
applicable statement.]	[Must be accompan	ied by a motion for dete	rmination by the court.]

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental
illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational
decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

- Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);
 - ☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: The ly & July Donate: 4-6-2015

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	Debtor	(if known)

SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

State the name, mailing address, including zip code, and last four digits of any account number, of all entities holding unsecured claims without priority against the debtor or the property of the debtor, as of the date of filing of the petition. The complete account number of any account the debtor has with the creditor is useful to the trustee and the creditor and may be provided if the debtor chooses to do so. If a minor child is a creditor, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See, 11 U.S.C. §112 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m). Do not include claims listed in Schedules D and E. If all creditors will not fit on this page, use the continuation sheet provided.

If any entity other than a spouse in a joint case may be jointly liable on a claim, place an "X" in the column labeled "Codebtor," include the entity on the appropriate schedule of creditors, and complete Schedule H - Codebtors. If a joint petition is filed, state whether the husband, wife, both of them, or the marital community may be liable on each claim by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community."

If the claim is contingent, place an "X" in the column labeled "Contingent." If the claim is unliquidated, place an "X" in the column labeled "Unliquidated." If the claim is disputed, place an "X" in the column labeled "Disputed." (You may need to place an "X" in more than one of these three columns.)

Report the total of all claims listed on this schedule in the box labeled "Total" on the last sheet of the completed schedule. Report this total also on the Summary of Schedules and, if the debtor is an individual with primarily consumer debts, report this total also on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data..

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured claims to report on this Schedule F. HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT, OR COMMUNITY CREDITOR'S NAME, DATE CLAIM WAS AMOUNT OF UNLIQUIDATED CONTINGENT CODEBTOR **MAILING ADDRESS** INCURRED AND CLAIM DISPUTED INCLUDING ZIP CODE, CONSIDERATION FOR AND ACCOUNT NUMBER CLAIM. (See instructions above.) IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE. ACCOUNT NO. 5189446320 03/19/15 325.00 City of Chicago Department of Finance P.O. Box 88292 Chicago, II 60680 ACCOUNT NO. 42690124 01/2015 3,115.00 NCSPlus Incorporated 117 East 24th St. 5th fir New York, NY 10010 ACCOUNT NO. XXXXXX 01/2015 3,115.00 Ideal Properties LLC 2011 W. Montrose Ave #254 Chicago, II 60618 ACCOUNT NO. 4447962259102071 11/2014 621.15 Credit One Bank P.O.Box 60500 City Of Industry, CA 91716 Subtotal> \$ continuation sheets attached \$ (Use only on last page of the completed Schedule F.) (Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable, on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data,)

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SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.)	CODEBTOR	HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT, OR COMMUNITY	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE.	CONTINGENT	UNLIQUIDATED	DISPUTED	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
ACCOUNT NO. Vs143557823			12/2014				429.20
Illinois Tollway P.O.Box 5544 Chicago, Il 60680							
ACCOUNT NO. 02855592			01/2015				2 440 00
States Recovery Systems 2491 Sunrise Blvd Rancho, Cordova, CA 95670							3,440.00
ACCOUNT NO. 8191454036			01/2015				319.13
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ACCOUNT NO. 0004621921010124			8/2014				300.62
Open Sky P.O. Box 182377 Columbus, OH 47372-4935							
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

In re PHILLIP TURNER Debtor	Case No.
	Chapter 13
	CE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) HE BANKRUPTCY CODE
	ey] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor the
Printed name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Address:	Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person, or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.	
I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and	on of the Debtor I read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)	X Lills Downer 4/13/2015 Signature of Debyer Date
Case No. (if known)	XSignature of Joint Debtor (if any) Date
	ce required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) only if the certification has 1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the

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your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

<u>Chapter 13</u>: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$310)

Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1,167 filing fee, \$550 administrative fee: Total fee \$1,717)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$275)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court. The documents and the deadlines for filing them are listed on Form B200, which is posted at http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER §342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days <u>before</u> the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$335)
Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, the United States trustee (or bankruptcy administrator), the trustee, or creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny